GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
LABOUR
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UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:159
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WELFARE OF INDIAN WORKERS ABROAD
ABUL HASNAT KHAN;BASUDEB ACHARIA;SURESH RAMRAO JADHAV (PATIL)

Will the Minister of LABOUR be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government propose to set up a Central Manpower Export PromotionCouncil (MEPC)and Indian Overseas Workers Fund for the well being of Indian workers in abroad;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the steps taken to curb the activities of the private recruiting agencies for harassing and collecting hefty amount from each candidate besides cheating them;

(d) whether the Government propose to collect some fee for the purpose; and

(e) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE FOR LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT (SHRI MUNI LALL)

(a), (b), (d) and (e): The proposal to set up a Central Manpower Export Promotion Council and Indian Overseas Workers Welfare Fund is under consideration of the Government.

(c): Sporadic complaints are received relating to harassment and collection of hefty amounts from candidates. As and when such complaints are received, action is taken to suspend/cancel the registration certificates of registered recruiting agents. The State Governments have been requested to issue instructions right down to the police station level to keep a strict vigil on activities of unscrupulous agents.